

REPORT
OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE,

ON THE
State of the Contingent Fund, Clerks, Messengers, &c.

DECEMBER 7, 1831.—Read.
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE U. S.

December 5th, 1831.

SIR: I have the honor to lay before the Senate the statements marked A, B, and C, prepared in obedience to a resolution of Congress requiring from the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, an annual statement of the expenditures from the contingent fund of the two Houses.

I have the honor to be, sir,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

WALTER LOWRIE.

To the PRESIDENT of the Senate.

A.

STATEMENT showing the names and salaries of the Clerks and Messengers employed in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, during the year 1831:

| | | | |
|--|---|---|---------|
| John G. McDonald, principal clerk, per annum | - | - | \$1,800 |
| Lewis H. Machen, engrossing clerk | - | - | 1,500 |
| William Hickey, do | - | - | 1,500 |
| Matthew S. Lowrie, do | - | - | 800 |
| James D. Hickey, do | - | - | 700 |
| John L. Clubb, messenger | - | - | 700 |

B.

STATEMENT showing the names and compensation of the Messengers employed in the service of the Senate for the year 1831.

Robert Tweedy, Simon Basset, George Philips, Thomas Thomas, Richard Young, and James Tims, at two dollars per day, each; Grafton Hanson at one dollar and fifty cents per day.

C.

STATEMENT showing the expenditures from the Contingent Fund for the year 1831.

| | | |
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| 1. Printing Journal and Documents of the Senate | \$7,804 00 | |
| 75 copies House documents - - | 517 41 | |
| | | 8,321 41 |
| 2. Stationary: | | |
| 20 reams royal cartridge - - | 101 00 | |
| 40 " quarto post - - | 262 00 | |
| 13,200 quills - - - - | 317 75 | |
| 3,400 pens - - - - | 94 90 | |
| 10 doz. selected parchments - - | 50 00 | |
| 83 lbs. wafers - - - - | 81 50 | |
| 19½ doz. inkstands - - - - | 117 75 | |
| 116 doz. assorted tapes - - - - | 81 13 | |
| 6 doz. each, folders and seals - - | 51 50 | |
| 6 doz. knives - - - - | 120 00 | |
| 108 lbs. sealing wax - - - - | 108 00 | |
| 52½ lbs. twine - - - - | 21 23 | |
| Ink, ink jugs, mending pens, oil, &c. - | 93 40 | |
| | | 1,500 16 |
| Stationery for the office. (above included) | 50 00 | |
| 3. Bookbinding - - - - | - | 697 87 |
| 4. Fuel - - - - | - | 454 68 |
| 5. Newspapers: | | |
| Amount <i>ordered</i> , estimated at \$375. | | |
| Amount <i>paid</i> - - - - | - | 326 17 |
| 6. Post office. (The Senate has no separate post office.) | | |
| 7. Repair and preservation of furniture - | 82 87 | |
| New furniture - - - - | 331 32 | |
| | | 414 19 |
| 8. Messengers and horses: | | |
| Messengers - - - - | 2,948 00 | |
| Horses - - - - | 480 00 | |
| | | 3,428 00 |
| 9. Miscellaneous, viz. | | |
| P. Sleight, for 200 pile boards - - | 10 00 | |
| Do. for carpenter's work - - | 334 62 | |

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| A. B. Waller, for lumber | - | - | 128 00 |
| T. Blagden do. | - | - | 3 49 |
| Washing towels, for 1829-1831 | - | - | 33 75 |
| Wm. French, for setting stoves | - | - | 19 50 |
| B. Sems, for making halliards | - | - | 7 50 |
| J. Howard, for reefing do. | - | - | 10 00 |
| N. Grant and M. Thomas, for repairing flag | - | - | 10 12 |
| Wm. Patteson, ruling paper | - | - | 48 00 |
| W. Faduillehe, upholsterer | - | - | 93 60 |
| Gibbs & Coyle, for baize and floor cloth | - | - | 162 78 |
| R. Mills, for service as architect | - | - | 20 00 |
| Wm. Prout, for baize for doors | - | - | 8 31 |
| A. Bradley, witness before Com. Senate | - | - | 40 00 |
| M. Bayley, for serving summons | - | - | 10 35 |
| R. G. Lanphier, for seal for Senate | - | - | 250 00 |
| Ingle, Lindsley and Ingle, for hardware | - | - | 23 75 |
| J. W. Beck, and others, assistant mar- shals | - | - | 60 00 |
| J. Purdy, for painting and glazing | - | - | 15 67 |
| Hack hire on public service | - | - | 23 50 |
| American Encyclopediæ, 7 vols. | - | - | 17 50 |
| J. Elliot, for Debates on Constitution | - | - | 625 00 |
| Funeral expenses of Hon. James Noble | - | - | 682 75 |
| Basset & Phillips, for monument for do. | - | - | 150 00 |
| S. A. Elliot, for Directories | - | - | 4 50 |
| William A. Nichols, for sweeping chim- neys, 1830 | - | - | 14 25 |
| T. Chaney, for sweeping chimneys, 1831 | - | - | 30 00 |
| J. Anderson, for cleansing privies | - | - | 20 50 |
| B. Smallwood, do. | - | - | 50 |
| Edward Slabler, for seal press | - | - | 101 62 |
| G. Templeman, for 8 vols. newspapers | - | - | 84 00 |
| For selecting, arranging, and copying for the reprint of Congressional Docu- ments | - | - | 1,100 00 |
| D. M. Wilson, and others, police of Capitol | - | - | 984 00 |
| | | | <hr/> 5,139 66 |
| | | | <hr/> \$20,282 64 |

C. c.

State of the Contingent Fund of the Senate on the 5th December, 1831.

DR. The United States in account with WALTER LOWRIE, Agent for disbursing the Contingent Fund of the Senate. CR.

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| To balance last report | - - - | \$113 00 | By this sum, received from the Treasury since last report | - - - | \$25,000 00 |
| To disbursements, as per statement marked C | - - - | 20,282 64 | By this sum, debited in last report for fuel, stationery, &c., now included in statement C | - - - | 1,893 80 |
| To this sum, paid for fuel, stationary, &c., which will be stated in detail in next report | - - - | 2,565 81 | | | |
| To balance | - - - | 3,932 35 | | | |
| | | <u>\$26,893 80</u> | | | <u>\$26,893 80</u> |
| | | | 1831, Dec. 6. By balance | - - | <u>3,932 35</u> |

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE U. S., December 5, 1831.

(Errors excepted.)

WALTER LOWRIE